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LETTER DATED 27 FEBRUARY 1996 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CUBA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY

I have the honour to request your good offices, in your capacity as Chairman of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, in the publication as an official document of the Committee of the text of the note verbale dated 25 February 1996 from the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the United States Mission to the United Nations (see annex).

The above document contains information about some incidents which occurred that very day across the street from the premises of the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations as a whole and involving an attack against one Cuban diplomat in particular.

(Signed) Bruno RODRIGUEZ PARRILLA

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ANNEX

[Original: Spanish]

Note verbale dated 25 February 1996 from the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the United States Mission to the United Nations

The Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations presents its compliments to the United States Mission to the United Nations and wishes to refer to the issue of the security of foreign Missions and of their personnel.

In this connection, the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations wishes to inform the United States Mission to the United Nations that since 6.35 p.m. yesterday, 24 February 1996, the Permanent Mission of Cuba has received several telephone calls warning of the use of explosives and physical threats against the diplomatic Cuban Mission and against Cuban officials working at the Mission.

Today, 25 February 1996, the First Secretary of the Mission, Mr. Felipe Mario Medina González, was the victim of an act of physical aggression which has been reported to the New York City Police Authorities. At this very moment, a group of persons is picketing in front of the Permanent Mission of Cuba in a very aggressive and threatening manner.

Accordingly, the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations requests the United States Mission to the United Nations to adopt sufficient and appropriate measures to guarantee the security of the personnel and the normal functioning of the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations.